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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Montana and Montana State wage their annual gridiron battle Saturday in Missoula, and all indications point to one of the most closely-contested games in the history of the intra-state rivalry. Game time is 1:30 p.m. on MSU's Dornblaser Field.

Although reserved seats for the 60th Grizzly-Bobcat clash were sold out by late last week, MSU ticket officials reminded fans that a block of 1500 general admission seats will go on sale noon Saturday. This should insure ample seating for fans who have not secured tickets.

"We'll have to play 60 minutes of solid football," was Grizzly coach Ray Jenkins' estimation of his team's chances to break a four-year MSC winning streak. "Last week (against Colorado State), we played three quarters of darn fine football. I don't think that we can afford to let up once against the Bobcats," the mentor added.

Jenkins was referring to Montana's 26-14 win over Colorado State, in which the Silvertips ran up a 26-0 lead in three quarters and then allowed the Rams to push over two TDs in the fourth period. Individual Grizzly mistakes, lapses on pass defense, and several penalties contributed to the late CSU surge.

Aside from giving the Rams considerable passing yardage, Montana's defensive efforts were keyed to a high pitch in the CSU game. The Silvertip line--sparked by tackle John Gregor and guard John Matte--allowed their opponents only 97 yards rushing. This was the least ground yardage the Montanans have given up in two seasons.

Offensively, Montana's trio of hard-running backs, fullback Gary Smith and halfbacks Pat Dodson and Terry Dillon, continued to wreak havoc. Dillon and Dodson each scored twice, while Smith's rushes up the middle was a decisive factor. Montana quarterback, Bob O'Billovich, threw only three passes against CSU, but